

Proposed Amendment #2 to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

The City of Fargo has asked Metro COG to amend the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) entitled MetroGROW to include the reconstruction of the Broadway N / County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 1 Bridge over the Red River connecting North Fargo to Oakport Township in Clay County, Minnesota. Recently, the City of Fargo learned that the bridge supports are twisting due to poor soils along the river. Upon further analysis, the City of Fargo learned that the bridge has reached a point where it is structurally deficient, and followed structural engineering recommendations to close the bridge to all traffic. The City of Fargo and Clay County are discussing the cost of and process to remove the bridge in the coming months.

During the fall of 2021, the City of Fargo surveyed surrounding residents on both the North Dakota and Minnesota sides of the river asking about the importance of the bridge to their daily travel. The preliminary results of the survey indicated that residents were in support of bridge reconstruction.

The City of Fargo submitted this project for federal funding in 2026. During the development of the MTP, it was unforeseen that this bridge would need replacement. However, there is a similar project within the MTP currently, which is the reconstruction and raising of the 12th/15th Ave N Bridge above the floodplain. The table where this project is listed on p. 108 of the MTP is shown below:

2045 Fargo-Moorhead Transportation Plan

TABLE 12.6: LONG TERM (2036-2045) ROADWAY PROJECTS BY JURISDICTION

Project ID	Corridor	From	To	Project Type	Project Jurisdiction	Cost Estimate (2019)	Long Term (2036-2045) Costs	STBG Funds	Local Funds*
Minnesota Projects									
R118	Main Ave	S 11th St	S 3rd Ave	Reconstruction	Moorhead	\$3,300,000	\$11,550,000	\$9,240,000	\$2,310,000
North Dakota Projects									
7	9th St	Main Ave	12th Ave N	Grade Separation	West Fargo	\$20,000,000	\$46,480,000	\$30,537,360	\$15,942,640
25	76th Ave S / 80th Ave S	Red River (Forest River Road)	US 75	Preserve Right of Way for Future Bridge	Fargo / Clay County	\$2,000,000	\$4,650,000	\$3,055,050	\$1,594,950
52	Veterans Blvd	64th Ave S	76th Ave S	New Street	Fargo / Horace	\$7,500,000	\$17,430,000	\$11,451,510	\$5,978,490
62	76th Ave	25th St	Red River	Roadway Widening	Fargo	\$9,900,000	\$23,010,000	\$15,117,570	\$7,892,430
65	Northwest Regional Route	I-29	I-94	Expressway Route	Cass County-urban only	\$6,000,000	\$13,940,000	\$9,158,580	\$4,781,420
66	13th Ave	at I-94		Grade Separation	West Fargo	\$12,180,000	\$28,310,000	\$18,599,670	\$9,710,330
70	SW Beltway Route	I-94	100th Ave S	Expressway Route	Cass County	\$3,000,000	\$6,970,000	\$4,579,290	\$2,390,710
75	100th Ave S	38th St	Horace	Other	Cass County	\$3,015,000	\$7,010,000	\$4,605,570	\$2,404,430
81	12th Ave N / 15th Ave N	Elm Street (Fargo)	11th St N (Moorhead)	Raise Elevation of Bridge	Fargo / Moorhead	\$10,300,000	\$23,940,000	\$15,728,580	\$8,211,420
83	Approx 14th St	Potential 13th Ave	32nd Ave	New Street	West Fargo	\$14,690,000	\$34,140,000	\$22,429,980	\$11,710,020
R19	42nd St S	19th Ave	13th Ave	Preservation	Fargo	\$6,600,000	\$15,340,000	\$10,078,380	\$5,261,620
R53	University Dr N	10th St N	7th Ave N	Preservation	Fargo	\$2,800,000	\$6,510,000	\$4,277,070	\$2,232,930
R62	13th Avenue	Prairie Pkwy	15th St W	Preservation	West Fargo	\$6,880,000	\$15,990,000	\$10,505,430	\$5,484,570
Total							\$255,270,000	\$169,364,040	\$85,905,960
Minnesota							\$11,550,000	\$9,240,000	\$2,310,000
North Dakota							\$243,720,000	\$160,124,040	\$83,595,960

*Note that this category includes State matching funds on eligible projects

After coordination with the City of Fargo on the projects they are submitting for federal funding, Metro COG determined that this project would need to be included in the MTP to be eligible for in the solicitation process. The project will include reconstruction of a portion of Broadway between 37th Ave N and the Red River to move the roadway farther from the riverbank, due to geotechnical issues at the current roadway location. Metro COG is proposing to amend the following project into the MTP table shown above:

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	Broadway Bridge	@ Red River		Bridge Replacement	Clay Co & Fargo	\$7,500,000	\$13,507,076.29	\$4,200,000	\$3,300,000

Public input opportunities for this MTP Amendment will occur as noted in the public notice published in The Forum on Saturday, December 4, 2021. Dates and times of the public input opportunities are shown below:

- **December 8, 2021** MTP Amendment #2 Public Meeting – **Noon-1:00 p.m.**
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Zr3UvDDFQFi_Qf3B264WYg
- **December 9, 2021** MTP Amendment #2 Public Meeting – **10:00 a.m.** (This meeting will occur during Metro COG's Transportation Technical Committee meeting)
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xpSws0PVTOaHMiwxNE1-3Q
- **December 16, 2021** MTP Amendment #2 Public Meeting – **4:00 p.m.** (This meeting will occur during Metro COG's Policy Board meeting)
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hCv2nVHQr6lxcP1Dz0-SQ

The deadline for public comment is 4:30 p.m. CDT on December 17, 2021. Information regarding Amendment #2 to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan will be posted on Metro COG's website – www.fmmetrocog.org. Opportunity for public comment will be provided at each meeting. If you cannot access the meeting virtually, all information will be on display at Metro COG's offices located at 1 - 2nd Street North, Suite 232, Fargo, ND 58102. Direct comments or questions to:

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